

Star Melodies
Special Programme Marking Nazrul
Death Anniversary
Title: Poobali Poboney Banshi Bajey
Venue: AS Mahmud Hall, The Daily
Star Centre
Date: August 31; Time: 6:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: "Chitrapat-e-Bangabandhu"
Artist: Kiriti Ranjan Biswas
Venue: National Art Gallery,
Shilpakala Academy
Date: Aug 23-31
Time: 11pm-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
My Golden Country
Artist: Sohaq Parvez
Venue: Athena Gallery
Date: August 22-Sept 11;
Time: 12pm-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Mohammad Iqbal
Title: Outside of the Social Bondage
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16,
Sec-4, Uttara
Date: Aug 22-Sep5
Time: 11am-8pm



Group Print Exhibition
Title: Moitree: The Bondage
Venue: National Art Gallery,
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.
Date: August 26-31
Time: 12pm-8pm



NEWS bytes

Final Terry Pratchett novel on sale

The final novel by author Sir Terry Pratchett has been released, almost six months after his death. "The Shepherd's Crown", the 41st novel in his Discworld series, went on sale in the UK and Commonwealth at midnight BST. In the UK, fans gathered for midnight openings at stores in London, Oxford and Newcastle. "The Shepherd's Crown" will be published in the US on September 1. The release will be an emotional moment for many fans. One book shop in Perth, Australia, is giving away a free packet of tissues to every customer "because this really is goodbye". Sir Terry died at the age of 66 in March, eight years



Shesher Kobita

Ganga-Jamuna Fest to open September 4
53 troupes to participate in nine-day extravaganza



Bhongobongo



Poramati

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Ganga-Jamuna Theatre and Cultural Festival, one of the major theatre festivals of the country, will see its curtains rise at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on September 4. Two towering figures of Bangladeshi and Indian theatre, Soumitra Chattopadhyay and Ferdausi Mazumdar will inaugurate the festival at the National Theatre Hall Auditorium, where Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor will be chief guest, and will be joined by eminent thespians. A total of 53 troupes from Bangladesh and India will take part in stage plays, dance, recitation, music and street theatre at the nine-day festival. Cultural programmes at the open stage will be held every day from 5pm-6:30pm, while two dramas each will be staged at the National Theatre Hall (NTH) and Experimental

Theatre Hall (ETH) from 7pm. On the opening evening, Sangstab (India) will stage "Chharigonga" while Prachyanat will stage "Tragedy Palashbari". On day two, Sangstab (India) will stage "Bhoonthath" (NTH)



Kanjus

while Rajshahi's Anushilon Natya Dol will stage "Donddo" (ETH). Over the next days, Chittagong's Uttaradhikar will stage "Sampan Naiya" (NTH) while Natyacharcha will stage "In-former" (ETH); Loko Natya Dal

(Siddheshwari) will stage "Kanjus" (NTH) and Desh Natok will stage "Dorpono Shorotshoshi" (ETH); Writtik (India) will stage "Adiraja" (NTH) and Aranyak will stage "Bhongobongo" (ETH); Anik (India) will stage "Ashokananda" (NTH) and Padatik Natya Sangsad will stage "Poramati" (ETH); Padatik Natya Sangsad, TSC will stage "Macbeth" (NTH) and Theatre, Bailey Road will stage "Kokilara" (ETH); Nagarik Natya Sampraday will stage "Dewan Gazi'r Kissa" (NTH) while Prangonemor will stage "Shesher Kobita" (ETH); and on the closing day, Dhaka Theatre will stage "Dhaboman" (NTH) while Mohakal Natya Sampraday will stage "Neelakhyan" (ETH). The cultural affairs ministry of the Bangladesh government, the India Bangladesh Foundation and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy are assisting in the holding of the festival.

Rabindra Sangeet and recitation at IGCC

A CORRESPONDENT
Indira Gandhi Culture Centre is organising an evening of Rabindra Sangeet by Lily Islam and recitation by Mozibur Rahman Dilu, at 6:30 pm today at the IGCC Gulshan premises. Lily Islam is a noted performer in Tagore songs. She has released three audio cassettes, ten CDs and one VCD of Rabindra Sangeet. Freedom fighter Mojibur Rahman Dilu is a TV and stage actor, director, playwright. His group Dhaka Drama has staged two plays in Kolkata. He has acted in TV serials in Bangladesh the most notable Shangshaptak.



PUBALI POBONEY BANSHI BAJEY ON AUGUST 31
Star Melodies' musical evening celebrating Nazrul



STAR ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DESK
Marking the 39th death anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Star Melodies of The Daily Star is organising a musical event "Pubali Poboney Banshi Bajey" at 6:30pm on August 31 at its AS Mahmud Hall. Nazrul Sangeet singers Salahuddin Ahmed, Sharmin Sathi Islam, Anindita Chowdhury and Nishat Ahmed Zishan are the featured artists of the event. Eminent Nazrul Exponent Sadya Afreen Mallick will host and direct the programme. Eastern Bank Limited and Simantic Creative Concern are assisting in the programme. Those interested to attend the programme may collect invitation passes from The Daily Star Centre, 64-64 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, during office hours. Seats are limited.

IT'S TRUE!

Several paintings by Pablo Picasso -- one of the most influential artists of the 20th century -- rank among the most expensive paintings in the world. "Garçon à la pipe" sold for US\$104 million at Sotheby's on 4 May 2004, establishing a new price record. "Dora Maar au Chat" sold for US\$95.2 million at Sotheby's on 3 May 2006. On 4 May 2010, "Nude, Green Leaves and Bust" was sold at Christie's for \$106.5 million. Not surprisingly, more of his paintings have been stolen than those by any other artist; the Art Loss Register has a staggering number of 550 of his works listed as missing.



Nisho and Mehzabien in Eid drama

A CORRESPONDENT
Afran Nisho and Mehzabien Chowdhury, two familiar faces of the small screen, are joining forces for single-episode drama "Detective Shamsher Evong Japani Antique". Written by Shah Md. Naimul Karim and directed by Sokal Ahmed, the play is set to go on air on Boishakhi TV this Eid. Sokal Ahmed said the story would have something new for the TV audience, and hoped that they would watch it. Nisho, meanwhile, said he has ample confidence in the director, and has a good understanding with Mehzabien, and thus it was a pleasant experience for him. Mehzabien said she usually works more for TV during Eid, and added that she is quite invested in the plot.

Tagore-Nazrul death anniversaries observed in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh
Mesmerising performance of popular Tagore and Nazrul songs entertained a large audience gathered at the venue marking death celebrations of the two greatest bards of Bangla music - Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam. Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilon Parishad Mymensingh unit organised the programme at Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium on Thursday. Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury and Bijon Chandra Mistri spellbound the audience during their one-hour performance. The students of Shishu-Tirtha Anandadhoni Sangeet Bidhyatan also performed on the occasion. Earlier, a discussion on life and works of the bards was held. Prof. Dr Md Afzal Hossain, vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was the chief guest while deputy commissioner of Mymensingh Mustakim Billah Faruqui was present as special guest. Prof Abul Kashem Md Fazlul Haque of Bengali Department of Dhaka University; eminent Tagore researcher and artiste Prof Dr ABM Nurul Anwar also spoke on the occasion with Prof Dr Md Monjurul Alam, president of the parishad, in the chair. Meanwhile, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) in Trishal also observed the 39th death anniversary of Nazrul on the campus on Thursday. The day's programme included placing of floral wreaths and a discussion meeting.



JKKNIU vice-chancellor Prof Dr Mohit Ul Alam was the chief guest at the discussion. Among others- treasurer of the university Prof AMM Shamsur Rahman; chairman of Music Department Prof Dr Musharrat Shabnam; dean of Arts Faculty Prof Dr Md Mahbub Hossain, Prof Dr Md Nazrul Islam and Prof Dr Rafiqullah Khan of Dhaka University discussed on life and works of the poet. Earlier, teachers, students and employees of the university, led by vice-chancellor, placed floral wreaths at the portrait of Nazrul. Later, the vice-chancellor distributed the Institute of Nazrul Studies Stipend among the seven brilliant students of honours level of different departments of JKKNIU. Recalling great contributions of the two bards in Bengali literature, the speakers said, we are proud of them as they reached the literature to world height through their volume of works. "They are unparallel, ever green and ever memorable," said the speakers adding that Bangla Literature has drawn the attention of world's people for its variations and creativity.

First look of Fassbender in "Assassin's Creed" revealed

The movie version of "Assassin's Creed", based on the massively popular — and prolific — video-game series of the same name, is set to open in theatres December 21, 2016, and the first look of Michael Fassbender as protagonist Callum Lynch has been revealed. Fassbender's character was created specifically for the film, which isn't retelling any of the existing games, but rather introducing new characters into the same world. Lynch discovers he is a descendant of the secret Assassins society through unlocked genetic memories that allow him to relive the adventures of his ancestor, Aguilar, in 15th Century Spain. After gaining incredible knowledge and skills, he's poised to take on the oppressive Knights Templar in the present day. Also starring Marion Cotillard, Michael Kenneth Williams and Ariane Labeled, cameras start rolling for "Assassin's Creed" on Monday. Filming is set to happen in Malta, London, and Spain. Source: Yahoo! Movies



SRIDEVI to return to Bollywood

Sridevi swept all the best actress awards for her portrayal of Kajal Varma in the 1997 drama, "Judaai". The film, also featuring Anil Kapoor and Urmila Matondkar, was produced by the late Surinder Kapoor, her producer-husband Boney Kapoor's father. Eighteen years later, Boney is producing a woman-centric Bollywood film for his actress-wife. In 2012, Sridevi made a comeback to the screen after a long hiatus with Gauri Shinde's comedy-drama, "English Vinglish", which revolved around a housewife who enrolls for English classes to stop her husband and daughter from mocking her. This time, it is a woman's journey revolving around a mother-daughter relationship. Casting for an actress to play a daughter is currently underway. The film marks the directorial debut of popular ad filmmaker, Ravi Udyawar, who has also scripted the film. "The story had been written with Sridevi in mind. Boney loved it and immediately came on board," a source close to the development said. Buzz was that Akshara Haasan, daughter of Kamal Haasan, who featured opposite Sridevi in "Sadma", will play her daughter in the film. But Boney dismissed the rumours. "Akshara is not in the film. Yes, it is a woman-centric drama, but not a remake of any film. It is not titled Mother," Boney told Mumbai Mirror. Source: Mumbai Mirror

